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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

SUBJECT: Draft Special Forces Requirements of OCPW

1. Having received a copy from OIS of subject requirements I undertook informally and confidentially to obtain the comments of OIR, Geographics, [] and OIS.

2. State's comments, which we have in memorandum form, describe topically the coverage or lack of coverage of the requirements by the NIS Outline. [] comments, which we have in memorandum form, are in the nature of a critique of the requirements along the lines of the usefulness and whether or not and how they should be produced against; in general, he believes the requirements too encompassing and not limited enough to need. [] has indicated that he believes the requirements would be more appropriately levied on specific areas to support specific operations although some of them may well be accomplished in the NIS program; he generally accords with [] OIS indicated it considers the requirements as especially containing some basic intelligence factors which can appropriately be included in the NIS Outline but on the whole the requirements should be levied to meet specific known needs.

3. From an examination of the requirements and after discussion with the above four offices, I would conclude at this point as follows:
a) That the draft requirements contain a small percentage of basic type requirements which could be included in the NIS Outline, b) that the majority of the special forces needs should be met by specific area requirements arising out of authoritative plans by the joint chiefs for operations, i. e., detailed missions in specific areas required for accomplishment by special forces.

4. I learned from OIS that two meetings were held in December and January last, between PP and OCPW. [] of Geographics attended the first meeting and OCPW informed that the agency would comment informally. At the second meeting the record indicates that the draft requirements

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would be revised topically to conform to the NIS Outline and submitted through regular channels -- G-2 -- to the Agency for comment. I am advised that a 40 page requirement has now been levied by OCPW upon G-2. Skalnink of G-2 has told me that G-2 will not forward a requirement to NIS until they are satisfied it is realistic.

5. In view of information to the effect that certain PP officers are sympathetic to the OCPW requirements, it would appear, in view of the opinion expressed in paragraphs two and three above that within CIA we (PCS/DCI, OIS and PP) should have a meeting to determine an agreed approach to this problem. Later, the actual production offices would have to be consulted further.

6. The unconventional warfare offices can decide what information they need. However, any sympathy on their part for the OCPW requirements does not reflect a CIA position on the feasibility or possibility of actual production of intelligence. To undertake production on large areas for a series of countries with all the information OCPW has indicated it needs now would be a massive and uneconomical undertaking.

7. [] will be at dinner with General Bullock on Wednesday evening, June 1, at which time there may be some discussion on this question. It would be advisable for the meeting of interested CIA officials to take place before that time. Such a meeting will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday morning, 31 May 1955.

NOTE:

Since this memorandum was dictated a meeting was held between [] (PP), [] (OIS) and [] (PCS). There is apparently a meeting of the minds along the lines of paragraph 3.

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